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1. During the period from 15 to 19 August 1952, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Pappel Allee, Potsdam, was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia. On 15 August, a column of trucks [redacted] drove into the barracks installation. They had practiced driving in Wildpark. Soldiers engaged in athletic activities and fatigue duty were seen the other days.
2. During the period from 15 to 19 August, the Kriegsschule at the intersection of Pappel Allee and Mirsch Allee was occupied by about 300 troops and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and officer candidate insignia. On 15 August, 1 officer and 24 officer candidates wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets marched from the Bornstedter Feld into the barracks installation. On 19 August, two T-34/85 tanks practiced aiming at practice targets on Bornstedter Feld. Truck [redacted] entered the barracks installation. (1)
3. On 19 August, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne, on Nedlitzerstrasse, quartered about 50 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. Troops were maintaining caterpillar tractors and trucks. Motor vehicles [redacted] and caterpillar tractor [redacted] were identified.
4. On 19 August, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne housed a guard unit of about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia. (2)
5. During the period from 8 to 12 August, the Wildpark-West Kaserne east of the Grosser Entenfaenger Lake quartered about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Troops did maintenance work and practiced cross-country driving in the Wildpark. Driving practiced involved motor vehicles

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from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Pappel Allee, [REDACTED]

- 25X1 6. On 8 August, 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia operated the telephone switchboard at Kuhfort but were chiefly engaged in the erection of new telephone masts, the exchange of old telephone lines and installation of new lines in the Wildpark. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 7. During the period from 14 to 20 August, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz quartered about 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia. Troops were engaged in intensive motor vehicle driving practice in the billeting area and its vicinity. A few groups of up to 60 soldiers drilled with rifles. Twenty officers and 90 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with artillery, tank and signal insignia fell in in front of the headquarters building every morning. A supply officer stated that the troops are expected to return to the installation in mid-September. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 8. On 19 August, the Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse quartered an advance party of about 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The heating system and the kitchen were reconditioned under the supervision of a colonel with artillery insignia and a lieutenant colonel. A steaming field kitchen, truck [REDACTED] and two small prime movers with boards at their side bearing the inscription HD 7, as were previously seen [REDACTED] in the southern section of the Delius Kaserne, stood in the yard.

- 25X1 9. On 19 August, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [REDACTED] the old units had returned as he recognized several officers and NCOs. The gate to the south section of the Delius Kaserne was still closed. Fifty soldiers marched to the northern section, probably for dinner. No other soldiers were seen. (P)

- 25X1 10. During the period from 11 to 15 August, the Kavallerie Schule, Kramnitz, was partly occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] these troops to belong to training units at the troop training grounds where recruits were trained. Observed was basic training of groups in the terrain and tank driving practice with T-34 tanks [REDACTED] T-34/35 tanks [REDACTED] JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and SP guns [REDACTED]

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On 11 August, 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with 3 officers equipped with rifles, submachine guns, 4 machine guns and 4 AT tank rifles marched into the training area. On 12 August, three groups of 20 men each fell in for roll call with leather outfit and gas masks. About 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved to the terrain equipped with rifles and submachine guns, 8 machine guns on wooden carriages, 6 AT rifles, 2 field telephones and cable reels. On 13 August, 150 men in similar groups as the day before wearing red-bordered black epaulets fell in in the yard and later, moved out of the barracks installation equipped with four 80-mm mortars. On 14 August, troops of communication details practiced telephone construction, 60 other soldiers with rifles and two heavy machine guns, and about 70 soldiers with pit-saws and axes, marched out. About 150 soldiers were hauled away on five trucks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] these soldiers had passed their driving test and were on their way back to their unit. On 15 August, 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets fell in in the billeting area. About 50 of them were equipped with rifles and the others were without arms. [REDACTED] they were young soldiers who had newly arrived. A ramp which had a 30° slope was cleared by JS-2 tank [REDACTED] near the Panzerfahrschule. T-34/85 tank [REDACTED] continuously towed two iron girders of 6 meters length. (1)

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